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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:25 AM
To: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: Physical Security for Government Facilities - Training - Tennessee - July 24-25

From: Government Best Practices Training Series [mailto:admin@marketaccess.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 8:20 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Physical Security for Government Facilities - Training - Tennessee - July 24-25

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us ***Only 9 seats left. See early registrants list below.**

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A Two-Day Workshop for Facilities Managers

July 24-25, 2007

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- Anyone involved in guard protection services or law enforcement
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USDA	Area Safety, Health & Environmental Manager

Agenda

Day One

7:30 - 8:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 8:35am Welcome/Introduction

8:35 - 8:45am Chairman's Opening Remarks (Course Overview/Experience Based Learning)

8:45 - 9:45am ASAP Principle - Successful Execution of a Physical Security Program

9:45 - 9:55am Networking Break

9:55 - 11:15am Adversarial Thinking and Execution

11:15 - 12:00pm "Do's and Don'ts of Technology Integration"

12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch On Your Own

1:00 - 2:00pm Paradigm Shifts in Security Awareness and Education

2:00 - 2:05pm Break

2:05 - 3:20pm Paradigm Shifts in Security Awareness and Education (continued)

3:20 - 3:30pm Break

3:30 - 4:00pm Community Risk Assessments and Collaborative Security

4:00 - 5:00pm Procedures, Action Cards, and Response

5:00pm Day One Adjourn

Day Two

8:00am Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 9:00am What to Know BEFORE You Design a Physical Protection System

9:00 - 10:00am The Essential Elements of a Physical Protection System

10:00 - 10:15am Networking Break

10:15 - 11:30am Managing Technology and Physical Security

11:30 - 12:45pm Security Manpower, Requirements, Equipment, Testing, and Readiness

12:45 - 1:00pm Workshop Wrap Up - Where Do We Go From Here?

1:00pm Workshop Adjourn

About Your Instructor

Tom McCoig, Senior Consultant at ABS Consulting is a security risk management professional with 32 years of combined military, law enforcement, safety, and security expertise. His diverse background represents a unique blend of operational, technical, tactical, and managerial skills that provide practical solutions for the security issues facing industry, communities, and government today.

Mr. McCoig is skilled in using numerous security assessment methods and adapting those methods to meet client objectives. He helped develop security workshops for numerous clients, has conducted numerous security threat and vulnerability assessments, security audits, provided security countermeasure upgrade recommendations and is very knowledgeable about countermeasures technology and selection.

Conference Location

This workshop will be held at the University of Memphis, Millington Center.
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Hotels in Millington

- Admiralty Suites and Inns (901) 873-1000
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July 24-25, 2007

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From: Mayor Keller [mayor@ci.wasilla.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 2:38 PM

To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Cc: Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV)

Subject: Compass Piece submitted today

Kris,
I wanted to let you know that I submitted the attached Compass Piece to the ADN today. I hope that print it as it is not only a rebuttal it will also help to educate our residents in the Mat-Su about the shelter and its capabilities.
Thanks,

Dianne M. Keller
Mayor, City of Wasilla
907-373-9055 Phone
907-373-9096 Fax
mayor@ci.wasilla.ak.us
"In matters of style, swim with the current; In matters of principle, stand like a rock." - Thomas Jefferson

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 2:31 PM
To: Talis Colberg
Subject: Re: Vic Kohring

what a trip...
how odd.

I'm on a land line for a bit here in Dillingham, so can access emails once in awhile. thanks for the info given to Kris before i left - it's good reading! you guys put lots of work into that, and I appreciate it.

Talis Colberg <Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Dear Governor Palin,
> You probably already know this. Yesterday Vic was in the Wasilla
> 4th of July parade with his sign "Hard Working and Conservative".
> Today, for commuters, he was next to the Highway at Peters Creek with
> his sign, waving to drivers. Talis

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 2:39 PM

To: Frye; Ivy J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Talis J Colberg; sharon leighhow

Subject: Fwd: HI SARAH

hi IV!

i'm in dillingham.

here"s Amy McCorkell"s request for board appt.

she'll be great.

To All: no cell phones over here, but here"s a telephone # in case of emergencies _ and once in awhile i'll be able to check emails when i'm off the water and near a land line: 8422460

Note: forwarded message attached.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 12:29 PM
To: salchafair@alaska.net
Subject: RE: Public_Safety

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Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 12:01 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Ms. Peggy Burns

address: P.O.Box 140086 Salcha AK 99714

907-488-4556

MESSAGE:

Dear Govenor Palin,

I just found out that you vetoed our grant request for the Salcha Fairgrounds. The reason stated was "not the states responsibility" Then how can you justify the grant for the Salcha Interior Seniors building to get a new foundation? Is it because of the Longevity bonus being taken away and you felt sorry for them? I don't mean to be sarcastic but it hurts when you donate 7 years of your life to build a nice place for our community and you get no help from the state or the FNSB to make improvements in your community. The fair has property that is leased through the FNSB to be developed for the community. We are all volunteers and none of us get paid to do anything that we do for the community. We have managed to build up the fairgrounds we have a nice ballfield, which has gotten a lot of use since we put the playground in. The playground is unfinished. We have no means for money other than fundraisers. I have 6 children and have a busy life which I don't have time f!

or fundraisers as with so many others. We supply good quality drinking water for our community. We also hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. We help the community in a lot of ways. Were as the Sr's are a privately funded non profit and is soley out for themselves. Not the community. It is a shame that Salcha is not a city and can command some financial support from the state or the Borough. We have a lot of residents and we pay our taxes just like everyone else. We get bad road service in the winter we have no bike trails it is dangerous for our kids to even ride their bikes out here because of the crazy people that pass through on the highway. We also have a hard time just getting state troopers out here when we have an emergency, we get nothing for our community. But yet the pipeline goes right through our community as well as the railroad and as will probably be the new gasline. The pole barn we wanted to replace is rotten at the base I guess the safes!

t thing to do would be to tear it down and not to have a cove!

red pavillion for the community. As it is right now it won't last for next years event. We don't ask for much, everything that we do goes right back in to the community. That is why I am asking you to reconsider your veto on our project To help make a safe and fun environment for our kids and the community. The Salcha Fair Association is the only entity in the community that funds can be brought into for the community. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Peggy Burns (President)

Salcha Fair Association

salchafair@alaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 11:11 AM
To: cityplanner@otz.net
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:01 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Dean NV Westlake

address: PO Box 46 Kotzebue AK 99752

(907) 442-5203

MESSAGE:

Good morning; Should Governor Palin be coming to Kotzebue for the North Slope and Northwest Arctic Borough Economic Summit, the various business communities of Kotzebue would like to host one of our Kotzebue Breakfast Club meetings in her honor.

You can contact me directly at 442-5203 or via the City of Kotzebue main switch-board at 442-3401.

Sincerely

Dean NV Westlake

Kotzebue City Planner

cityplanner@otz.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:48 AM
To: UAAHockeyTeam@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Other

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Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 2:50 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. JJ Bourne

address: University of Alaska Hockey Program Anchorage AK AK

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MESSAGE:

Please Governor - please do not ignore this as you've ignored so many of our team's e-mails.

Governor Palin, you are not a Hockey Governor afterall.

Now we know that indeed, the you do not support UAA Hockey, nor (despite what you've said) see the need to fund repairs for the oldest arena in the WCHA or ECHL, the Sullivan Arena.

As we approach our coming season, we will once again see the buckets all over the Sullivan's cracked floor collecting water from the ceiling as the rain and/or snow leaks in.

Governor: What happens the next time someone falls because the buckets are EVERYWHERE in the corrodors and even below in the locker area?

Do you care?

What happens the next time the antiquated center-ice scoreboard that should be REMOVED breaks?

Do you remember January 29, 2003 when the a peice of the old scoreboard fell onto the ice breaking Pavel Hlavacek's foot during practice warm-ups?

The antiquated OLD board that 98% of the time does not work when more than one person takes a penalty. The old lights just fizzle out.

Other WCHA or ECHL teams have newer digital 8 or 6-sided center-ice boards. We have an old box. An old box that was likely placed above the ice when PacMen was the only game played. Looking at the scoreboard, they had to have been made at the same time.

I am so UPSET Governor.

You told us as we lifted the cup that you underststood what an incredible community we were.

You said it right to the faces of those you let down.

Cuts need to be made -- but at what expense Governor???

Is the college and pro hockey scene in Anchorage so low on your priority list that you're willing to let them remain in a dump while you salvage 8 dairy farmers in the Matanuska Valley?

Why Governor?

Please respond this time. Please --- do it for the team.

Please respond because maybe -- just maybe you do still love hockey.

We already counted on Governor.

Please. Thank you for your e-mail response. We anxiously await to hear from you!

http://www.arenadigest.com/

UAAHockeyTeam@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:29 AM
To: bettiew@acsalaska.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 6:53 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Bettie Wallace

address: P. O. Box 116 Sterling AK 99672

907 262 7508

MESSAGE:

Even though I'm not Republican I think for the most part you have done a very good job. However, I think you were wrong in cutting Covenant House from the budget. Our youth need our support and with so many homeless kids on the streets of Anchorage Covenant House should have been funded. If kids have a place to stay it will cut down on crime and teenage prostitution. Please reconsider this one.

Thanks of for listening.

bettiew@acsalaska.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:26 AM
To: SmartTents@aol.com
Subject: RE: Natural_Resources

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Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 8:39 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Natural_Resources

Web mail from: Ms. Joyce Herte

address: 25838 White Spruce Dr. Eagle River AK 99577

907-696-4551

MESSAGE:

Sarah,

We are writing to let you know that more than an outhouse was burned in the Trapper Lake fire. Our property, tracts 50 and 51 took quite a beating. We only had a couple of sheds there that we were using while planning our retirement home. In one shed we had a futon, heater, camping supplies and dried meals. The other shed consisted of our generator for our future needs while building, a lawn mower to assist in clearing the property, an ice auger, and other tools. It's not much, but it was a meager beginning at best. I tried to attach before and after pictures to this email, but i am unable.

We are still excited about building our retirement property. We would like more information about the re-foresting program, so we may plant for our future generations.

SmartTents@aol.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:14 AM
To: william.pehrson@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

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Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 2:14 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. William Pehrson

address: 1736 E 58th Circle Anchorage AK 99507

(907)562-7787

MESSAGE:

Im currently deployed on operation Iraq freedom in Kuwait.It really depresses me that our leadership in the national guard has no concern about troops well being on this deployment.We work at least 14 hours a day and our schedule is constantly changes,my commander just informed us that soliders who have not passed a pt test or height and weight could not go on any MWR trips (Morale , Wellfare ,Recreation).This in my mind is very wrong.We come here to defend our country, leave our families and love ones, knowing we might not come back and a commander tells us we cant play sports or go on a trip to better our well being is totally wrong.I 've been in the guard 12 years and im sick of the leadership we have that is why i am not re-enlisting.Our leadership is more concern with there own selfs than the wellfare of their troops they command.

william.pehrson@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 10:13 AM
To: williamlidster@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Budget

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Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2007 2:51 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. William Lidster

address: 10602 Brigantine Circle Anchorage AK 99515

907-333-7158

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin:

I helped a UAA student develop a "Compass" piece that is intended to mimick the editorials found in the Anchorage Daily News for her English 111 class. You should read it. I am the "friend" she refers to - you cut $15,000 of discretionary funding earmarked for STARS Youth Development Program. At least $10,000 of it would have helped low-income, high-risk kids gain access to our program's services, which offer them options over other undesirable alternatives for them to consider during their free time. It is tough to swallow this when over $1.3 million was allowed for the small town of Nenana for an ambulance ($150,000), a solid waste transfer station ($180,000) and road dust control ($1 million). That is a lot of money for the 382 people living in that community.

Yet, in spite of this, the student and I fully support what you did last month. You are forging the beginning of what appears to be an incredible administration and term. You are refreshing to this state and I hope you continue to act on what is truly sensible and represents the desires of the majority of the people.

Please, read Ms. Evan's submission for English 111. You should be aware of the effort people make to praise you is often comparable to the effort others make to criticize. Her piece is below.

William Lidster

(907) 317-2804

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Budget Decisions Reflect Leadership Long Anticipated

On Friday, June 29th, a friend of mine received some disheartening news - our new Governor vetoed 10,000 dollars in discretionary state funding to the nonprofit organization he heads up. This money was important to reducing costs of services to kids and their parents, reducing barriers of entry and promoting the ability for high risk children to participate in the program's activities. In the most genuine voice I can muster, I cry out to Sarah, "Way to go girl!"

It is time that the leadership of this state follows through with campaign promises and exercises common sense and prudence in the management of this state. Our legislative body passed a combined operating and capital budget of $2.2 billion, which was about $272 million higher than the Governor requested. In response, she line-vetoed $230 million from the budget proposed by the legislature. Most of the items she vetoed out of the budget were special projects, like my friend's. She stated in her submission of the final budget that she removed such projects for a variety of reasons, to include the fact that state funding of such programs is not a state responsibility.

Yes, people will be affected and, yes, good projects were cut. But, this is probably the first step towards a long overdue weaning off of government subsidiary. It will not make Sarah necessarily popular, but following the decades of frivolous spending on questionable initiatives while essential services like public safety and education were always targeted for budget reductions, Sarah's bold movement here is refreshing.

The approved budget did reach over $1.8 billion, which for its 655,000 residents, represents allocated state spending of $2750 per resident. Compare that to Texas, where the approved 2008 budget allocates only $475 in spending for each of its residents, and you understand the sizable amount of state funding that goes to support the public.

Undoubtedly there are other considerations that make comparing Alaska and Texas state budgets the same as comparing the proverbial apples and oranges. We know that cities do more of their own revenue generation and public spending than the cities here in Alaska. In our state, over 60% of all state and local spending that is conducted happens at the state level, compared with 40% for the United States, overall. In other words, the state budget has been filled with pork and some trimming of the fat was in order.

The process is far from complete and the state can only hope that our courageous Governor will continue down the road of exercising fiscal responsibility. She promised such in her transmittal letter to the Senate President, citing her intent to not allow special education projects through in the future, given that such expense items should go through normal school board or assembly budget processes to ensure the even distribution of the large amount of funds earmarked for education.

However, the road to achieving a smaller budget should be traveled carefully and indiscriminate cutting must be avoided. Government money is generated for the specific intent of being spent for the good of all people. Sarah will come under intense scrutiny if her funding decisions do not show a consistent budgeting policy or if she fails to represent the desires of her general constituents, the people of this great state. On June 29th, she demonstrated her capability to lead and make the right decisions, regardless of short-term reverberations that she caused across many organizations. Taking this the right step further, continuing to fulfill commitments, will help Alaskans fully embrace her methods and find faith in her execution of her duties. Good luck, Governor, I wish you the best.

williamlidster@gmail.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 9:56 AM
To: claireking@starband.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2007 3:05 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Art King

address: N.K.I. Box 431 Naukati AK 99950

(907) 619-4266

MESSAGE:

Nancy,

Governor Palin stated that the road project in Naukati was vetoed because it was not a State responability. It seems to me that it is a State responsability!

The State of Alaska D.N.R. retains ownership of all roads and rightaways in the Naukati subdivision. The State IS selling the land NOT the community.

It would be benifical for the state to put the road in as the lots would sell due to access. Any private developer would put the road in First and certainly the cost would be passed on to the buyers.

Art King Vice President Naukati West

(907) 629-4266

CC: Governor Sarah Palin

Represeative Bill Thomas, Jessie Badger

Senator Albert Kookesh, Nancy Barns

claireking@starband.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2007 9:38 AM
To: raynovic@mtaonline.net
Subject: RE: Budget

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Subject: Budget

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MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

We have recently learned that the airport at Lake Louise is being rebuilt at a cost of $18,000,000. Although the old airport desperately needs to be repaired and made useful once again, the extent of construction planned is totally overboaard and inappropriate for the area. This rural community exists on the road system and is not dependent at any time of year upon air service for supplies or medical emegencies. A simple grating and new gravel for the old runway would work perfectly well. Even if the project is paid for by Federal rather than state monies, upkeep and maintenance of such a facility will fall onto the borough and state.

I beg you please review this project and consider our concerns.

Sandy and Sam Raynovic

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